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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Trina Roe Fur Farm

Application Date: November 21, 2001

Name, Address and Phone Number: Trina Roe

462 Wild Iris Rd

Stevensville, MT 59870

406-777-9832

Description of Project: This project is an application for a commercial fur farm for the purpose of raising and selling Bobcats and bobcat kittens to the general public. The facility is located approximately 10 miles north-northeast of Stevensville, Montana in a developing residential subdivision.

The Bobcats will be raised and housed in 24 separate pens measuring 5'x5'x5'. The pens will be approximately 2'-3' off of the ground. The pens will be housed under a 60'x15' pole barn structure. The pens will be constructed of welded wire. The pens will have separate doors and locking devices for added security. A solid wood privacy fence is currently being constructed around the Roe's property for added security and privacy for the facility.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: **NONE**

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

| Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to: | Unknown | Potentially Significant | Minor | None | Can Be Mitigated | Comments Below Or On Attached Pages |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources. | | | | X | | |
| 2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats. | | | | X | | |
| 3. Introduction of new species into an area. | | | | X | | |
| 4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality. | | | | X | | |
| 5. Water quality, quantity and distribution (surface or groundwater) | | | | X | | |
| 6. Existing water right or reservation. | | | | X | | |
| 7. Geology and soil quality, stability and moisture. | | | | X | | |
| 8. Air quality or objectionable odors. | | | X | | | |
| 9. Historical and archaeological sites. | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air and energy. | | | | X | | |
| 11. Aesthetics | | | | X | | |

Comments:

(A description of potentially significant or unknown impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

8) There could be an increase in smell of bobcat urine and feces dependent on the waste management practice employed by the Roe's.

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment:

| Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to: | Unknown | Potentially Significant | Minor | None | Can Be Mitigated | Comments Below Or On Attached Pages |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Social structures and cultural diversity. | | | | X | | |
| 2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat. | | | | X | | |
| 3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue. | | | | X | | |
| 4. Agricultural production. | | | | X | | |
| 5. Human health. | | | X | | | |
| 6. Quantity and distribution of community and person income. | | | | X | | |
| 7. Access to and quality of recreational activities. | | | | X | | |
| 8. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals (ordinances). | | | | X | | |
| 9. Distribution and density of population and housing. | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands for government services. | | | | X | | |
| 11. Industrial and/or commercial activity. | | | | X | | |

Comments :

(A description of potentially significant or unknown impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

5) The risk of injury to the public caused by this fur farm is minor due to the primary enclosures as well as the privacy fencing enclosing these animals.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects, which are uncertain but extremely harmful, if they were to occur? No, there are no known risk factors or potential risk factors associated with this project.

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant? None, there are no impacts associated with this project that taken collectively will have a significant or potentially significant impact.

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

1. No Action Alternative: Under the no action alternative the facility would not be licensed
2. Preferred Alternative: The facility will be granted a license to raise Bobcats.

List proposed mitigate measures (stipulations) for license: None

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on this EA:

Describe Public Involvement:

The environmental assessment was placed on the department website at fwp.state.mt.us on January 14, 2002. Comments will be accepted on the proposed project until February 4, 2002. Comments may be submitted to Doug Johnson at djohnson@cybernet1.com or written comments mailed to FWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59840.

EA prepared by: Douglas E. Johnson

Date completed: December 19, 2001

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS: This project does not require an EIS

Recommendation for license approval: License approved

Wildlife Manager

Date

Warden Captain

Date